#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

#### FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs. No. CR 15-4268 JB

ANGEL DELEON, JOE LAWRENCE GALLEGOS, EDWARD TROUP, a.k.a. "Huero Troup," LEONARD LUJAN, BILLY GARCIA, a.k.a. "Wild Bill," EUGENE MARTINEZ, a.k.a. "Little Guero," ALLEN PATTERSON, CHRISTOPHER CHAVEZ, a.k.a. "Critter," JAVIER ALONSO, a.k.a. "Wineo," ARTURO ARNULFO GARCIA, a.k.a. "Shotgun," BENJAMIN CLARK, a.k.a. "Cyclone," RUBEN HERNANDEZ; JERRY ARMENTA, a.k.a. "Creeper," JERRY MONTOYA, a.k.a. "Boxer," MARIO RODRIGUEZ, a.k.a. "Blue," TIMOTHY MARTINEZ, a.k.a. "Red," MAURICIO VARELA, a.k.a. "Archie," a.k.a. "Hog Nuts," DANIEL SANCHEZ, a.k.a. "Dan Dan," GERALD ARCHULETA, a.k.a. "Styx," a.k.a. "Grandma," CONRAD VILLEGAS, a.k.a. "Chitmon," ANTHONY RAY BACA, a.k.a. "Pup," ROBERT MARTINEZ, a.k.a. "Baby Rob," ROY PAUL MARTINEZ, a.k.a. "Shadow," CHRISTOPHER GARCIA, CARLOS HERRERA, a.k.a. "Lazy," RUDY PEREZ, a.k.a. "Ru Dog," ANDREW GALLEGOS, a.k.a. "Smiley," SANTOS GONZALEZ; PAUL RIVERA, SHAUNA GUTIERREZ, and BRANDY RODRIGUEZ,

Defendants.

## SECOND PRELIMINARY MEMORANDUM OPINION<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This Memorandum Opinion ruling on the admissibility of the United States' list of statements under <u>United States v. James</u>, 590 F.2d 575 (5th Cir. 1979), is incomplete and preliminary. <u>See</u> United States' Notice of Proposed <u>James</u> Statements, filed January 8, 2021 (Doc. 3228). The Court files this unfinished and incomplete Memorandum Opinion and to assist the parties by giving them an indication of the Court's rulings as early as possible in the United States

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the United States' Notice of Proposed James Statements, filed January 8, 2021 (Doc. 3228)("Notice"). The Court held a hearing on February 2, 2021, pursuant to <u>United States v. James</u>, 590 F.2d 575 (5th Cir. 1979)("James"). See Transcript of Hearing (taken February 2, 2021), filed July 28, 2021 (Doc. 3337)("Tr."). The primary issue is whether the Court should admit ninety-one co-conspirator statements under rule 801(d)(2)(E) of the Federal Rules of Evidence. The Court concludes that: (i) statements 4, 6, 9, 13, 14, and 15 are admissible; (ii) statements 1, 2, 3, 10, and 11 are admissible in part; and (iii) statements 5, 7, 8, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 are not admissible. The Court will, therefore, grant the Notice in part and deny the Notice in part.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure require the Court to state "its essential findings on the record" when "factual issues are involved in deciding a motion." Fed. R. Crim. P. 12(d). The Court makes these findings by a preponderance of the evidence and only to determine preliminary questions regarding whether evidence is admissible. See Fed. R. Evid. 104(a). The Court makes these findings under the authority of rule 104(a) of the Federal Rules of Evidence, which requires a judge to decide preliminary questions relating to the admissibility of evidence, including the legality of a search or seizure and the voluntariness of an individual's confession or consent to a search. See United States v. Merritt, 695 F.2d 1263, 1269-70 (10th Cir. 1982). In deciding such preliminary questions, the other rules of evidence, except those with respect to privileges, do not bind the Court. See Fed. R. Evid. 104(a) ("The court must decide any preliminary question about whether a witness is qualified, a privilege exists, or evidence is

of America's case-in-chief. This Memorandum Opinion is subject to change. The final Memorandum Opinion and Order is forthcoming.

admissible. In so doing, the court is not bound by evidence rules, except those on privilege."). The Court bases these conclusions on the testimony it heard at its <u>James</u> hearing as well as the evidence it admitted at that hearing, including the "prior sworn testimony relating to the Castillo and Garza murder . . . from the witnesses," <u>see</u> Tr. at 13:9-10, Federico Munoz' plea agreement (Doc. 229 in CR 16-1613)("Munoz Plea"), Leonard Lujan's Plea Agreement, filed March 13, 2017 (Doc. 963)("Lujan Plea"), Eugene Martinez' Plea Agreement, filed May 5, 2017 (Doc. 1138)("Martinez Plea"), and Benjamin Clark's Sealed Plea Agreement, filed November 15, 2016 (Doc. 768)("Clark Plea"), <u>see</u> Tr. at 13:13-25 (Castellano, Court, Gorman). Notwithstanding the Court's findings, DeLeon is presumed innocent. The Court makes the following findings of fact:

- 1. A conspiracy to kill Frank Castillo existed. See Lujan Plea ¶ 7, at 4-5<sup>2</sup>; Clark Plea ¶ 7, at 6.
- 2. The Castillo conspiracy included five indicted conspirators: (i) DeLeon, (ii) J. Gallegos; (iii) Troup; (iv) Lujan; and (v) B. Garcia. See Lujan Plea ¶ 7, at 4-5.
- 3. The Castillo conspiracy included six unindicted conspirators: (i) Angel Munoz, <u>see</u>
  Transcript of Motions Hearing at 9:17-10:9 (taken March 13, 2018)(Castellano, Stemo), filed April

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The Court accepted into evidence a letter by Assistant United States Attorney Jack Burkhead stating that Lujan would not be credible in the eyes of a rational factfinder. See Tr. at 33:8-9 (Court); id. at 33:17-25 (reading from Exhibit A, Burkhead's letter, stating that "Mr. Lujan's credibility is in serious doubt"). As a result, the Lujan Plea on its own is not sufficient to establish the existence of a conspiracy. Evidence that the Court can consider when deciding whether a conspiracy to kill Castillo existed, however, corroborates the Lujan Plea Agreement. See, e.g., FBI 302 of Samuel Gonzales at 5, filed March 9, 2018 (Doc. 1909-3)("Francisco CASTILLO was killed in 2001 because he 'messed up' with Billy GARCIA."); FBI 1023 at 2, filed March 9, 2018 (Doc. 1909-5)("2001 Murder of Frank Castillo and Rolando Garcia at the Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility in Las Cruces were called by BILLY GARCIA ('Wild Bill'). Several members participated in the double homicide and EDWARD TROUP and CHRI[S]TOPHER CHAVEZ admitted to the murders during conversations with the [Confidential Human Source]."); Jaramillo 302 at 2 ("LUJAN relayed that GARCIA told LUJAN to find people to murder CASTILLO and LUJAN chose JARAMILLO, GALLEGOS and DELEON."). This corroborating evidence assuages the Court's concern regarding Lujan's credibility.

- 3, 2019 (Doc. 2027) ("March 13 Tr."); (ii) Leroy Lucero, <u>see</u> March 13 Tr. at 16:16-24 (Castellano, Stemo); (iii) Jaramillo, <u>see</u> March 13 Tr. at 18:22-4 (Castellano, Stemo); <u>id</u>. at 20:2-9 (Castellano, Stemo); (iv) Federico Munoz, <u>see</u> March 13 Tr. at 21:10-22 (Castellano, Stemo); (v) Willie Amador, <u>see</u> March 13 Tr. at 29:16-24 (Castellano, Stemo); and (vi) Jessie Ibarra, <u>see</u> March 13 Tr. at 29:16-24 (Castellano, Stemo).
- 4. The Castillo conspiracy continued until Castillo's death on March 26, 2001. See Lujan Plea ¶ 7, at 4-5.

# **ANALYSIS**

The Court makes general determinations regarding the existence of conspiracies and their membership. See Findings of Fact ("FOF"), supra. The Court concludes that the United States establishes one conspiracy to kill Frank Castillo. See FOF 1. The Court makes particularized judgments regarding the James proffer statements' admissibility under the Federal Rules of Evidence. The Court provides the following table:

<u>James</u> Proffered Statement	Ruling
Statement 1: "Billy Garcia tasked Leonard Lujan with finding an inmate to carry out the murders of Garza and Castillo. The murders were to be executed simultaneous."	This statement, as amended at the hearing, is admissible for its truth against the members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 65:16-20 (Court).  As amended, Statement 1 reads: ""Billy
Declarant: Billy Garcia Source: Leonard Lujan	Garcia tasked Leonard Lujan with finding an inmate to carry out the murder Castillo."
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 2: "Billy Garcia wanted Castillo and Garza 'to be taken out' by strangulation."	This statement, as amended at the hearing, is admissible for its truth against the members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 66:6-21 (Court, LeBlanc,
Declarant: Billy Garcia	Castellano).
Source: Leonard Lujan	As amended, Statement 2 reads: "Billy Garcia wanted Castillo 'to be taken out' by
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	strangulation."
Statement 3: "The Castillo and Garza murders were an order. Anyone who did not follow that order was to be killed as well."	This statement, as amended at the hearing, is admissible for its truth against the members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 67:2-6 (Court).
Declarant: Billy Garcia	As amended, Statement 3 reads: "The Castillo
Source: Leonard Lujan	murder[] [was] an order. Anyone who did not follow that order was to be killed as well."
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 4: "Billy Garcia was planning to kill everyone in the unit with a green light but was starting with Castillo and Garza."	This statement is a statement of B. Garcia's then-existing state of mind, specifically his plan, so it is admissible for its truth under rule 803(3).
Declarant: Billy Garcia	
Source: Leonard Lujan	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	

Statement 5: "These murders needed to be done because the SNM gang was losing status with other gangs."  Declarant: Billy Garcia	This statement is not a statement made in furtherance of the conspiracy, so it is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 68:10-11 (Court).
Source: Leonard Lujan	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 6: "Leonard Lujan tells Eugene Martinez 'I'm telling you right now where it's coming from and everything,' referring to Billy Garcia."	This statement is admissible for its truth against the members conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 70:16-12 (Court). Lujan is a member of the conspiracy. See FOF at 2.
Declarant: Leonard Lujan (first- level) and Billy Garcia (second- level)	
Source: Leonard Lujan, Eugene Martinez	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 7: "Billy Garcia ordered the murder of Castillo due to him cooperating with law enforcement."	This statement is not a statement made in furtherance of the conspiracy, so it is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr.
Declarant: Billy Garcia	at 70:13 (Court).
Source: Leonard Lujan	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 8: "Billy Garcia ordered Garza to	This statement is not a statement made in
be killed for being a former Los Carnales member."	furtherance of the conspiracy, so it is not admissible for its truth against members of the
Declarant: Billy Garcia	conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 70:13 (Court).
Source: Leonard Lujan	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	

Statement 9: "What the fuck is going on? This statement is admissible for its truth I sent word a long time ago to clean against the members conspiracy under rule house.' Billy Garcia was upset Leonard 801(d)(2)(E), because it is an attempt to Lujan had not taken charge in the facility." "induce enlistment or further participation in the group's activities." United States v. Alcorta, 853 F.3d 1123, 1137 (10th Cir. Declarant: Billy Garcia 2017)(quoting United States v. Perez, 989 F.2d 1574, 1578 (10th Cir. 1993)). See Tr. at Source: Leonard Lujan 74:3-6 (Court). Date: On or before March 26, 2001 Objections: DeLeon. See Tr. at 71. Statement 10: "Leroy Lucero received This statement, as amended at the hearing, is word from Billy Garcia that several hits admissible for its truth against the members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). were supposed to happen. Garcia told him he didn't need help since Lucero was See Tr. at 76:9-13 (Court). getting out." As amended, Statement 10 reads: "Garcia told [Lucero] that he didn't need help since Lucero Declarant: Billy Garcia was getting out." Source: Leroy Lucero Date: On or before March 26, 2001 Objections: DeLeon. See Tr. at 74:16-75:75:11 (Gorman). Statement 11: "Leroy Lucero confirmed the This statement, as amended at the hearing, is message that several hits were supposed to admissible for its truth against the members happen with Angel Munoz. Munoz said of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). 'Something has to happen Carnal Billy's on See Tr. at 77:21-78:3 (Court). his way."" As amended, Statement 11 reads: "Leroy Declarant: Angel Munoz Lucero confirmed the message that [a hit is] supposed to happen with Angel Munoz. Source: Leroy Lucero Munoz said 'Something has to happen Carnal Billy's on his way." Date: On or before March 26, 2001

Objections: DeLeon. See Tr. at 76:23-

77:11 (Gorman).

Statement 12: "Leonard Lujan met with Eugene Martinez and tasked him with the murder of Garza by strangulation and told Martinez to pick people to help."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against the members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 78:5-8 (Court).
Declarant: Leonard Lujan	
Source: Leonard Lujan, Eugene Martinez	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 13: "Leonard Lujan met with Joe Gallegos, Angel DeLeon, and 'Criminal' and ordered Castillo murdered by strangulation."  Declarant: Leonard Lujan  Source: Leonard Lujan  Date: On or before March 26, 2001	This statement is admissible for its truth against the members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E), provided that there is evidence it was made before Castillo's death. See Tr. at 78:11-21 (Court).
Statement 14: "Billy Garcia wanted	This statement is not admissible for its truth
knowledge of the plan kept to very few individuals."	against the members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). This is a statement of B.
Declarant: Billy Garcia	Garcia's then-existing state of mind, however, so it is admissible for its truth under rule 803(3).
Source: Leonard Lujan	Tule 605(5).
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 15: "Once alarms were sounded and the murders discovered, Billy Garcia congratulated Leonard Lujan with 'Amor."  Declarant: Billy Garcia	This statement not admissible under rule 801(d)(2)(E). It is admissible, however, as an implicit statement of B. Garcia's thenexisting state of mind, i.e. that he approves of Lujan's work. See Fed. R. Evid. 803(3).
Source: Leonard Lujan	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 16: "Frederico Munoz part of the committee that sanctioned the hit on Garza and Castillo. Munoz wanted Garza killed for being Los Carnales."	The United States does not offer this statement for its truth under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 81:15-17 (Court, Castellano).

Declarant: Billy Garcia	
Source: Federico Munoz  Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 17: "Ben Clark passed around paperwork on Sanchez's cooperation with police. Stating 'everyone who needs to see it has seen it, get rid of it."	The United States does not offer this statement for its truth under rule 801(d)(2)(E).  See Tr. at 81:18-20 (Court).
Declarant: Ben Clark	
Source: Ruben Hernandez	
Date: On or before June 17, 2007	
Statement 18: "Arturo Garcia wrote to Frankie Gonzales that Brian and Raymond Rascon were to take care of the next murder for SNM."	The United States does not offer this statement for its truth under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 82:1-3 (Court, Castellano).
Declarant: Arturo Garcia	
Source: Javier Alonso	
Date: On or before June 17, 2007	
Statement 19: "Ben Clark put Javier Alonso in charge of making sure Sanchez was killed and told the Rascon brothers to complete the hit."	The United States does not offer this statement for its truth under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 82:1-3 (Court, Castellano).
Declarant: Ben Clark	
Source: Javier Alonso	
Date: On or before June 17, 2007	

Statement 20: "Word was sent from the green pod that if Sanchez was not killed, others in the Blue pod would be killed."  Declarant: FNU [First Name Unknown] LNU [Last Name Unknown]	The United States does not offer this statement for its truth under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 82:1-3 (Court, Castellano).
Source: Javier Alonso	
Date: On or before June 17, 2007  Statement 21: "Edward Troup was told to go help with Sanchez's murder."  Declarant: Javier Alonso  Source: Javier Alonso  Date: On or before June 17, 2007	The United States does not offer this statement for its truth under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 82:1-3 (Court, Castellano).
Statement 22: "While Edward Troup and Javier Alonso were finishing killing Sanchez, Brian and Raymond Rascon came and asked if they could help."  Declarant: Brian Rascon and/or Raymond Rascon	The United States does not offer this statement for its truth under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 82:1-3 (Court, Castellano).
Source: Javier Alonso	
Date: On or before June 17, 2007	
Statement 23: "Javier Alonso told the Rascon brothers to keep a look out when the brothers asked if they could help."	The United States does not offer this statement for its truth under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 82:1-3 (Court, Castellano).
Declarant: Javier Alonso	
Source: Javier Alonso	
Date: On or before June 17, 2007	

Statement 24: "Edward Troup kissed Javier Alonso on the cheek and told him he was proud of him."	The United States does not offer this statement for its truth under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 82:1-3 (Court, Castellano).
Declarant: Edward Troup	
Source: Javier Alonso	
Statement 25: "After Sanchez was murdered, Edward Troup began telling Ruben Hernandez that he was next."	The United States does not offer this statement for its truth under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 82:1-3 (Court, Castellano).
Declarant: Edward Troup	
Source: Javier Alonso; Ruben Hernandez	
Date: On or before June 17, 2007	
Statement 26: "Arturo Garcia sent word	The United States does not offer this
about Sanchez to Ben Clark."	statement for its truth under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 82:1-3 (Court, Castellano).
Declarant: Arturo Garcia	
Source: Ben Clark, Eric Duran	
Date: On or before June 17, 2007	
Statement 27: "Ben Clark and Arturo	The United States does not offer this
Garcia sent several letters about Sanchez	statement for its truth under rule 801(d)(2)(E).
to each other."	See Tr. at 82:1-3 (Court, Castellano).
Declarant: Arturo Garcia	
Source: Ben Clark	
Date: On or before June 17, 2007	
Statement 28: "Javier Alonso and Edward	The United States does not offer this
Troup were expected to oversee the	statement for its truth under rule 801(d)(2)(E).
murder, and Troup told the Rascon	See Tr. at 82:1-3 (Court, Castellano).
brothers to hit Sanchez."	
Declarant: Ben Clark	
Source: Ben Clark	
Date: On or before June 17, 2007	
Statement 29: "Leonard Lujan told Willie	The United States does not offer this

Amador and Jesse Ibarra to 'handle that' and told Eugene Martinez that 'I'm running this prison now."	statement for its truth under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 82:1-3 (Court, Castellano).
Declarant: Leonard Lujan	
Source: Eugene Martinez	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 30: "Christopher Chavez heard about the hit on Garza and volunteered to participate in the operation."	The United States does not offer this statement for its truth under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 82:1-3 (Court, Castellano).
Declarant: Chris Chavez	
Source: Eugene Martinez	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 31: "Willie Amador told Eugene Martinez to be lookout during the Garza murder and stated, 'If something happens, you already know.""	The United States does not offer this statement for its truth under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 82:8-13 (Court, Castellano).
Declarant: Willie Amador	
Source: Eugene Martinez	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 32: While strangling Garza someone in the room yelled 'Close the door!'"	The United States does not offer this statement for its truth under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 82:8-13 (Court, Castellano).
Declarant: Allen Patterson or Christopher Chavez	
Source: Eugene Martinez	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	

Statement 33: "Leonard Lujan approached Eugene Martinez and told him to talk to Willie Amador about the murders."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 82:16-17 (Court, Castellano).
Declarant: Leonard Lujan  Source: Eugene Martinez	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 34: "Eugene Martinez asked Billy Garcia and Garcia confirmed the order and said 'it's coming from me' and 'make sure it happens.""	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 82:16-17 (Court, Castellano).
Declarant: Billy Garcia	
Source: Eugene Martinez	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 35: "Joe Gallegos later informed Leroy Lucero that Lawrence Torres saw and was concerned Torres might snitch."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 82:16-17 (Court, Castellano).
Declarant: Joe Gallegos	
Source: Leroy Lucero	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 36: "Edward Troup told Lawrence Torres, 'This has nothing to do with you. Don't come up here."	This statement is admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 82:8-25 (Court, Castellano).
Declarant: Edward Troup	Custonanoj.
Source: Lawrence Torres	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	

Statement 37: "Angel Deleon had a scratch on his finger and told a female CO that he cut himself."  Declarant: Angel Deleon	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. at 83:5-12 (Castellano, Court).
Source: Lawrence Torres	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 38: "Kyle Dwyer came to SNMCF with 'paperwork' on Sanchez."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 83:19-21 (Court).
Declarant: Kyle Dwyer	
Source: Ben Clark	
Date: On or before June 17, 2007	
Statement 39: "The 'paperwork' came from the Crazy Town Roswell gang."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 83:19-21 (Court).
Declarant: Ben Clark	001(d)(2)(L). <u>500</u> 11. 05.17 21 (Court).
Source: Ben Clark	
Date: On or before June 17, 2007	
Statement 40: "Joe Gallegos placed a hit on Gomez because Joe Gallegos feared Gomez would testify against him on a state murder charge."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 83:19-21 (Court).
Declarant: Shauna Gutierrez and Brandy Rodriguez	
Source: Paul Rivera	
Date: On or about February 27, 2016	

Statement 41: "Upon learning where Gomez was staying, Shauna Gutierrez and Brandy Rodriguez agreed they needed to go after Gomez."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 83:19-21 (Court).
Declarant: Shauna Gutierrez and Brandy Rodriguez	
Source: Paul Rivera	
Date: On or about February 27, 2016	
Statement 42: "Paul Rivera agreed to help with the hit on Gomez."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 83:19-21 (Court).
Declarant: Paul Rivera	801(d)(2)(E). <u>See</u> 11. 83.19-21 (Court).
Source: Paul Rivera	
Date: On or about February 27, 2016	
Statement 43: "You better not testify against my Jefe, or I'll kill you!"	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 83:19-21 (Court).
Declarant: Brandy Rodriguez	001(a)(2)(1). <u>500</u> 11. 03.17 21 (count).
Source: Paul Rivera	
Date: On or about February 27, 2016	
Statement 44: "Santos Gonzales also stated he was going to kill Gomez."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 83:19-21 (Court).
Declarant: Santos Gonzalez	001(a)(2)(2)( <u>200</u> 111 02119 <b>2</b> 1 (
Source: Paul Rivera	
Date: On or about February 27, 2016	
Statement 45: "Told Shauna Gutierrez they had completed their mission. Shauna Gutierrez laughed and said she was 'happy to hear' Gomez was likely dead."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 83:19-21 (Court).
Declarant: Brandy Rodriguez, Paul Rivera, Santos Gonzales	
Source: Paul Rivera	

Date: On or about February 27, 2016	
Statement 46: "Shauna Gutierrez told Santos Gonzalez to move the truck they used to another location and leave it for a few days."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 83:19-21 (Court).
Declarant: Shauna Gutierrez	
Source: Paul Rivera	
Date: On or about February 27, 2016	
Statement 47: "How come you guys didn't do the job more fully?' after she previously told Rivera, Gonzalez, and Rodriguez to 'Go get him.'	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 83:19-21 (Court).
Declarant: Shauna Gutierrez	
Source: Paul Rivera	
Date: On or about February 27, 2016	
Statement 48: "Don't Testify"	This statement is not admissible for its truth
Declarant: Paul Rivera	against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 83:19-21 (Court).
Source: Paul Rivera	
Date: On or about February 27, 2016	
Statement 49: "Paperwork' on Sanchez was delivered from Arturo Garcia to Ben Clark, approving the murder."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 83:19-21 (Court).
Declarant: Arturo Garcia	
Source: Samuel Gonzalez, John Montano, Javier Rubio	
Date: On or before June 17, 2007	

Statement 50: "Cheeky' and 'Coquito' were tasked with the murder of Sanchez but did not	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule
want to carry it out."	801(d)(2)(E). <u>See</u> Tr. 83:19-21 (Court).
Declarant: Cheeky and Coquito	
Source: Samuel Gonzales	
Date: On or before June 17, 2007	
Statement 51: "Javier Alonso asked how to	This statement is not admissible for its truth
get rid of the marks on his hands from strangling Sanchez."	against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 83:19-21 (Court).
Declarant: Javier Alonso	
Source: Samuel Gonzales	
Date: On or before June 17, 2007	
Statement 52: "That'd be messed up if the paperwork on the guy I just got showed up.' Ben Clark also sent Arturo Garcia a list of names of people in the pod."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 83:19-21 (Court).
Declarant: Ben Clark	
Source: John Montano	
Date: On or before June 17, 2007	
Statement 53: "Edward Troup and Javier Alonso attempted to hide in John Montano's cell after lock down after the murder of Sanchez."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 83:19-21 (Court).
Declarant: Edward Troup and Javier Alonso	
Source: John Montano	
Date: On or about June 17, 2007	

Statement 54: "Jimmie Gordon was asked to get information on Garza from Geraldine Martinez."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 83:19-21 (Court).
Declarant: Jimmie Gordon	
Source: Jimmie Gordon	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 55: "Brandy Rodriguez kicked Gomez and said, 'This is a message from Joe!""	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 83:19-21 (Court).
Declarant: Brandy Rodriguez	
Source: Paul Rivera	
Date: On or about February 27, 2016	
Statement 56: "Shauna Gutierrez stated she is 'ride or die' with Joe Gallegos, after admitting that she and Joe Gallegos put a hit on Brandy Rodriguez based on the belief Rodriguez was a cooperator."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 83:19-21 (Court).
Declarant: Shauna Gutierrez	
Source: Paul Rivera	
Date: On or about November 2016	
Statement 57: "Christopher Chavez asked 'Is this right?" in reference to the Garza murders and Leroy Lucero said 'you got to do what you got to do.""	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 83:23-84:1 (Court).
Declarant: Christopher	
Chavez Source: Leroy Lucero	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	

Statement 58: "Javier Alonso asked if the marks on his hands were noticeable."  Declarant: Javier Alonso	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 84:2-5 (Court)("So I'm going all the way over now to 77.").
Source: John Montano	
Date: On or about June 17, 2007	
Statement 59: "Ordered the surveillance cameras covered."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule
Declarant: Edward Troup and/or Jesse Trujillo	801(d)(2)(E). <u>See</u> Tr. 84:2-5 (Court)("So I'm going all the way over now to 77.").
Source: Ruben Hernandez	
Date: On or about June 17, 2007	
Statement 60: "Now hurry Bolo now you know what time it is.' (In reference to covering the cameras.)"	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 84:2-5 (Court)("So I'm going all the way over now to 77.").
Declarant: Jesse Trujillo	going an the way over now to 77. ).
Source: Ruben Hernandez	
Date: On or about June 17, 2007	
Statement 61: "Just stay there and don't let no one in, use your crutch to block the door if you have to."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 84:2-5 (Court)("So I'm going all the way over now to 77.").
Declarant: Jesse Trujillo	going an the way over now to 77. J.
Source: Ruben Hernandez	
Date: On or about June 17, 2007	

Statement 62: "Ya stuvo (all done) take them off.' (In reference to the camera covers.)"  Declarant: Jesse Trujillo  Source: Ruben Hernandez  Date: On or about June 17, 2007	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 84:2-5 (Court)("So I'm going all the way over now to 77.").
Statement 63: "Kyle asked Ruben Hernandez to take something to Samuel Gonzales and to tell Samuel Gonzales 'that was all he had."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 84:2-5 (Court)("So I'm going all the way over now to 77.").
Declarant: Kyle Dwyer  Source: Ruben Hernandez  Date: On or before June 17, 2007	
Statement 64: "Samuel Gonzales asked if Sanchez was dead, then again asked 'For real is he dead?""  Declarant: Samuel Gonzales	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 84:2-5 (Court)("So I'm going all the way over now to 77.").
Source: Ruben Hernandez  Date: On or about June 17, 2007	
Statement 65: "Chicky' was cutting his sleeves off and asked Ruben Hernandez to hang up his wet sleeves."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 84:2-5 (Court)("So I'm going all the way over now to 77.").
Declarant: "Chicky"  Source: John Montano  Date: On or about June 17, 2007	

Statement 66: "Edward Troup told 'Chicky' to cut his sleeves in small pieces or give the sleeves to someone next door."  Declarant: Edward Troup	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 84:2-5 (Court)("So I'm going all the way over now to 77.").
Source: Ruben Hernandez	
Date: On or about June 17, 2007  Statement 67: "First thing in the morning we need you to move the body in the fetal position and wipe down the toilet."  Declarant: Brian Rascon and/or Edward Troup  Source: Ruben Hernandez	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 84:2-5 (Court)("So I'm going all the way over now to 77.").
Date: On or about June 17, 2007  Statement 68: "'That's what we are all	This statement is not admissible for its truth
asking of you.' (Told to Ruben Hernandez when he didn't want to clean the cell.)"	against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 84:2-5 (Court)("So I'm going all the way over now to 77.").
Declarant: Brian Rascon	
Source: Ruben Hernandez	
Date: On or about June 17, 2007	
Statement 69: "'Not [sic] that's an order, you already know what time it is.' (Told to Ruben Hernandez when he continued to not want to clean the cell.)"	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 84:2-5 (Court)("So I'm going all the way over now to 77.").
Declarant: Brian Rascon	
Source: Ruben Hernandez	
Date: On or about June 17, 2007	
Statement 70: "Ruben Hernandez asked if he was next for refusing to clean the cell and Brian Rascon said 'no, if the door is closed what can you do?""	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 84:2-5 (Court)("So I'm going all the way over now to 77.").

Declarant: Brian Rascon	
Source: Ruben Hernandez	
Date: On or about June 17, 2007	
Statement 71: "You're next mother fucker.' Said to Ruben Hernandez as they passed each other."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 84:2-5 (Court)("So I'm going all the way over now to 77.").
Declarant: Edward Troup	going an the way over now to 77. ).
Source: Ruben Hernandez	
Date: On or before June 17, 2007	
Statement 72: "We better be ready for hell cause we we're fixing to go through hell."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 84:2-5 (Court)("So I'm going all the way over now to 77.").
Declarant: Jesse Trujillo	going an the way over now to 77. j.
Source: Ruben Hernandez	
Date: On or about June 17, 2007	
Statement 73: Edward Troup stated that it was every man for themselves and if you can get a plea bargain for 15 or less do it but 'no fucking ratting,' 'that's a no no.'"	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 84:2-5 (Court)("So I'm going all the way over now to 77.").
Declarant: Brian Rascon	
Source: Ruben Hernandez	
Date: On or about June 17, 2007	
Statement 74: "Go wipe down the toilet, don't worry about moving the body."	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule
Declarant: Brian Rascon	801(d)(2)(E). <u>See</u> Tr. 84:2-5 (Court)("So I'm going all the way over now to 77.").
Source: Ruben Hernandez	
Date: On or about June 17, 2007	
Statement 75: Leroy Lucero is a government witness. Lucero indicates	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule

Chavez and Joe Gallegos admitted involvement in the murder of Garza to him as did others. It is unknown whether Chavez and Gallegos implicated B. Garcia.	801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 84:2-5 (Court)("So I'm going all the way over now to 77.").
Declarant: Christopher Chavez, Joe Gallegos	
Source: Leroy Lucero	
Date: unknown	
Statement 76: Fred Quintana is a government witness. Quintana indicates both Troup and Chavez admitted to involvement in the 2001 murders. It is unknown whether Chavez and Gallegos implicated B. Garcia.	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 84:2-5 (Court)("So I'm going all the way over now to 77.").
Declarant: Edward Troup, Christopher	
Chavez Source: Fred Quintana	
Date: unknown	
Statement 77: Ben Clark is a witness for the government. Clark indicated Angel Deleon, Troup and Joe Gallegos confessed their involvement in the 2001 murders to him and that one or both may have indicated that B. Garcia called the hit.	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 84:3-7 (Court, Castellano).
Declarant: Angel Deleon, Edward Troup, Joe Gallegos	
Source: Ben Clark Date: 2004	
Statement 78: Leonard Lujan told	This statement is really two statements:
Michael Jaramillo that Billy Garcia told	(i) that Billy Garcia told Lujan to find people
Lujan to find people to murder Frank	to murder Frank Castillo and Lujan chose
Castillo and Lujan chose Jaramillo, Joe Gallegos, and Angel Deleon	Jaramillo, Joe Gallegos, and Angel DeLeon; and (ii) that Leonard Lujan told Michael Jaramillo what Billy Garcia said.
Declarant: Leonard Lujan	,
Source: Michael Jaramillo	Statement (i), the underlying statement, is admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr.

Date: On or before March 26, 2001	84:10-85:10 (Court, LeBlanc, Castellano).
	Statement (ii), that Lujan told Jaramillo about statement (i), is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 84:10-85:10 (Court, LeBlanc, Castellano).
Statement 79: Leonard Lujan told Michael Jaramillo to discuss details with Joe Gallegos.	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 85:10-11 (Court).
Declarant: Leonard Lujan	
Source: Michael Jaramillo	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001  Statement 80: Leonard Lujan told Michael Jaramillo that Jaramillo was going to have to "put in work" for the SNM, and to speak with Joe Gallegos and Angel DeLeon about it.	This statement is admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 85:12-18 (Court, LeBlanc, Castellano).
Declarant: Leonard Lujan  Source: Michael Jaramillo	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 81: Joe Gallegos told Michael Jaramillo and Angel DeLeon that they would wait for an anticipated heroin delivery before killing Castillo.  Declarant: Joe Gallegos	This statement is admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E).
Source: Michael Jaramillo	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 82: Once the heroin came in, Joe Gallegos called Michael Jaramillo and Angel DeLeon to his cell to order the murder of Castillo to take place in the morning.	This statement is admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E).
Declarant: Joe Gallegos	

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Source: Michael Jaramillo	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 83: Joe Gallegos told Michael	This statement is admissible for its truth
Jaramillo and Angel DeLeon that the plan	against members of the conspiracy under rule
was go [sic] the Castillo cell when the doors	801(d)(2)(E). <u>See</u> Tr. 86:12-18 (Court,
open in the morning and use heroin with	LeBlanc, Castellano).
Castillo and then "take him out."	,
Declarant: Joe Gallegos	
Source: Michael Jaramillo	
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Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 84: Joe Gallegos told Michael	If the United States establishes that this
Jaramillo and Angel DeLeon that	statement was made before the conspiracy
Gallegos's family would pay for an attorney if they got in trouble.	ended, see FOF 4 supra, then this statement is
attorney if they got in trouble.	admissible for its truth against members of the
Declarant: Joe Gallegos	conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E).
Decidiant. Foe Ganegos	If the United States does not establish that this
Source: Michael Jaramillo	statement was made before the conspiracy
	ended, see FOF 4 supra, then this statement is
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	not admissible for its truth against members of
,	the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See
	Tr. 88:1-89:9 (Court, LeBlanc, Castellano).
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Statement 85: Joe Gallegos told Michael	This statement is not admissible for its truth
Jaramillo and Angel DeLeon to refuse	against members of the conspiracy under rule
DNA testing if the police requested it.	801(d)(2)(E). <u>See</u> Tr. 89:10-17 (Court,
	Castellano, LeBlanc).
Declarant: Joe Gallegos	
Source: Michael Jaramillo	
Data: On an hafara March 26, 2001	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001 Statement 86: Joe Gallegos told Angel	This statement is not admissible for its truth
DeLeon, in the presence of Michael	against members of the conspiracy under rule
Jaramillo, that he was to hold Castillo down	• •
as he took a hit of heroin.	801(d)(2)(E). <u>See</u> Tr. 89:18-19 (Court, Castellano).
	Castellallo).
Declarant: Joe Gallegos	
Source: Michael Jaramillo	
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Date: On or before March 26, 2001	

Statement 87: Joe Gallegos told Michael Jaramillo, in [the] presence of Angel DeLeon, that he was to "choke out" Castillo while Gallegos and DeLeon held Castillo down.	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 89:20-25 (Court, Castellano, LeBlanc).
Declarant: Joe Gallegos	
Source: Michael Jaramillo	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 88: Joe Gallegos, in the presence of Michael Jaramillo and Angel DeLeon, called Edward Troup over to Gallegos's cell and told Troop to be the lookout during the murder and to keep everybody in their cell during the murder.	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 89:20-25 (Court, Castellano, LeBlanc).
Declarant: Joe Gallegos	
Source: Michael Jaramillo	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 89: Joe Gallegos, in the presence of Michael Jaramillo and Angel	This statement is admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule
DeLeon, told Jaramillo that he was going to	801(d)(2)(E). <u>See</u> Tr. 90:1-4 (Court,
have Edward Troup act as a lookout during the murder.	LeBlanc).
Declarant: Joe Gallegos	
Source: Michael Jaramillo	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	
Statement 90: Edward Troup voiced his	This statement is admissible for its truth
agreement to be the lookout during the murder and to keep everybody in their cell during the	against members of the conspiracy under rule 801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 90:1-4 (Court,
murder.	LeBlanc).
Declarant: Edward Troup	
Source: Michael Jaramillo	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	

Statement 91: Joe Gallegos gave Michael Jaramillo the heroin.	This statement is not admissible for its truth against members of the conspiracy under rule
Declarant: Edward Troup	801(d)(2)(E). See Tr. 90:9-12 (Court, Castellano).
Source: Michael Jaramillo	
Date: On or before March 26, 2001	

IT IS ORDERED that the United States' Notice of Proposed <u>James</u> Statements, filed January 8, 2021 (Doc. 3228) is granted in part and denied in part.

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